This motion, after a short debate, was agreed to—ayes 49. noes 47.

On fixing the *maximum per centage* hereafter to be received by the shareholders, debate arose.

Motions to allow 30 and 25 per cent. were lost, when, without deciding on any other sum, a motion for the committee to rise, prevailed.

The committee then rose, and obtained leave to sit again, and the house adjourned.

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Tuesday, March 4.

Mr. Crowninshield, from the committee of commerce and manufactures, made a report on the petition of the Dutchess county slate company, of New-York, praying the imposition of an additional duty on imported slate, unfavorable to the prayer of the petition, in which the house concurred.

Mr. Crowninshield, from the same committee, reported on the petition of the merchants of Newbury-Port, representing the inconveniences experienced in navigating the Merrimack, and praying a reimbursement of the expences incurred by them in the erection of two piers for facilitating the navigation of said river. The report states the erection of the piers to have been undertaken, and the expenditure of money to have been made, independent of the direction of the United States.

Mr. Ely thought there appeared on the face of the report strong reasons in favor of the prayer of the petitioners, and moved for the purpose of considering the case, a reference of it to the committee of the whole house.

Mr. Crowninshield was in favor of the same course, and observed that he had been in the committee in favor of the claim.

Mr. Early opposed this course, and supported the immediate concurrence of the house in the report, on the ground stated therin.

Mr. G. W. Campbell advocated a reference of the report to a committee of the whole house, and expressed his opinion in favor of the application.

Mr. John C. Smith spoke in favor of a reference to a committee of the whole house.

Mr. Bidwell spoke against such a reference, and in favor of the report.

Mr. Sloan took the opposite side of the question.

On the question being taken, a reference to a committe of the whole house obtained —Ayes 59,

Mr. Sloan, from the committee to whom was referred the bill imposing a tax on slaves imported into the United States, reported a new bill.

A motion was made to reject it—Lost—Ayes 24.

On making it the order for the 4th of July, moved by Mr. D. R. Williams, the house divided—Ayes 34—Lost.

When the bill was made the order for Monday—Ayes 63.

Mr. Eppes presented a petition from a number of the citizens of George Town, expressing their opinion in favor of the resolutions for a recession of the district of Columbia, which was referred to the committee of the Whole house to which those resolutions were referred.

Mr. Gregg, from the committe on public lands, made a report on the petitions of the mayor, aldermen, and assistants of the city of Natchez, of Wm. Dunbar, and of the trustees of Jefferson college, which was referred to a committee of the whole house on Monday.

Mr. Gregg, said he had determined to move this day that the house should go into a committee of the whole on the state of the union, with the view of taking into consideration the resolution which he had some time since offered—[On a NON-IMPORTATION OF BRITISH GOODS.]—At the request, however, of some gentlemen, and inasmuch as the day was already considerably advanced, he said he would not make this motion to-day, but he gave notice that he should make it to morrow.

The house again resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill for the erection of a bridge across the Potomac.

The question was then taken on limiting the *maximum* of future tolls to twenty-four per centum per annum, and carried—Ayes 47—Noes 43.

A motion was made to limit the corporation to 50 years, which, after considerable debate was rejected---Ayes 29.

A motion was then made for a transfer, after a certain number of years, of the bridge to the U. S. on their indemnifying the company, which was likewise disagreed to---Ayes 8.

A motion was made to limit the corporation to 99 years, which was not agreed to.

Mr. G. W. Campbell moved a new section, rendering the company liable to all claims of indemnity for injuries arising to private property from any obstruction of the navigation of the Potomac by the erection of a bridge.

This motion was lost—Ayes 12.

Mr. Early moved a new section, making it the duty of the company to keep the channel at the draw of the same depth as it now is, and if suffered to become more shoal, imposing on them a penalty of ----- dollars for every week it shall be so suffered to continue.

Motion lost---Ayes 37---Noes 54.

Mr. Sloan moved an additional section that in case the bridge should fall into decay or be broken down, the said company shall be bound to remove the said materials out of the channel of the river, so that the navigation may not be obstructed thereby.

This motion was likewise disagreed to—Ayes 25.

Mr. Goldsborough moved an amendment, requiring 100 000 dollars to be subscribed previously to the company commencing their operations, which, after debate, was disagreed to—Ayes 40—Noes 56.

After the proposition of a great variety of other amendments, some of which were agreed to and others rejected, the committee rose and reported their agreement to the bill.

FEDERAL GAZETTE.

THURSDAY, *MARCH 6.*

Capture & Destruction of the French West-India Fleet.

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On the 21st of January, a French squadron of 3 sail of the line, 1 frigate and a sloop of war, of the following names and force, viz.

Imperial,	of 134 guns,
Jupiter,	74
Diomed,	74
Comet,	36
Corvette Diligence,	22

under admiral *Seigel*, from Brest, arrived off the city of St. Domingo, and landed 600 men; and on the 29th, they were joined by

Le Brave,	84,
L'Alexandre,	74,
Felicité,	44.

They had left France in company with another squadron of 7 sail of the line and 1 frigate under the command of prince Jerome Bonaparte, and parted from them off the Western Isles—their destination unknown; but from their steering a S. W. course, it was conjectured that they were bound for the Cape of Good Hope.

The squadron under Seigel remained off the city of St. Domingo until the 6th Feb. when a British squadron under adm. Cochrane hove in sight, and a deperate, and to the French a destructive engagement, ensued; for the following particulars of which, we are indebted to an intelligent gentleman who was an eye-witness, from an house-top in the city of the whole action, from the firing of the first gun, to the departure of the British squadron.

"*St. Domingo, February* 6, 1806.

"At 6, A. M. the look-out ship of the French squadron was seen firing alarm guns, and an English squadron of seven sail of the line, two frigates, one brig and a schooner in chace of her. At half-past 7, A. M. the French squadron of five ships of the line and two frigates got under way, and ran to leeward with the sloop of war that was on the look-out: at 30 minutes past 10, the headmost ship of the English, (supposed a 74) ran a-head of the French squadron and brought them to action: In 20 minutes after a British ship of the line fell into action; in 10 minutes after 3 ships of the line came into action, and in 75 minutes after the commencement, the action was *general*—2 French ships ran on shore and two more were dismasted. The action lasted 2 hours and 20 minutes: By this time they were so far off that I was unable to see what ships were taken.

"February 7, several officers and seamen returned from the admiral's ship, the Imperial, that was on shore, and said that her three decks were battered away; the admiral and 750 men killed and wounded—the Diomed was also on shore dismasted, in sight of St. Domingo—the other three ships of the line were now ascertained to be taken, but not certain of the fate of the sloop of war or frigates. At 12, meredian, 3 heavy ships passed the city, steering to the westward, but shewed no colors.

"February 8, at 9, A. M. one of the dismasted ships hove in sight, with a brig and frigate plying about her. At 2, P. M. 4 frigates, 2 ships of the line and a brig passed along the coast reconnoitring about the two ships that were on shore: while the heavy ships kept a straight course, the frigates seemed to keep ranging in with the shore, and had St. George's ensign flying —one of the heavy ships were blue at the mizen. Night came on and no farther observations could be made. The French admiral was slightly wounded; the captain-general had both his legs shot off, and the first and second lieutenants on board the admiral were killed. Officers & seamen were returning to town in a shocking condition. The Jupiter and La Brave were both dismasted by the board in the first of the action. The admiral's mast went by the board as she was running on shore. She was silenced nearly an half hour prior to going ashore."

From the above minutes, which were taken down as the incidents which they relate occurred, and from the details we have been able to collect from other sources, it appears, that on the French squadron passing by St. Thomas's, some person of that island hired a large row-boat, and with 20 or more hands plied away to windward up to Tortola, where an armed vessel was lying, which was dispatched with the utmost expedition to admiral Cochrane, at Barbados, who collected all the ships which the urgency of the case would permit, and with the force above stated, scoured down to leeward till he overtook the French squadron at anchor off the city of St Domingo; where he captured the Jupiter, 74, Le Brave, 80, and L'Alexandre, 74, and burnt the fine new ship L'Imperial, of 134 guns, and Diomed, 74, after they had been run ashore by their own officers. The action was an obstinate and bloody one; but the precise loss of men, on either side, is unknown.

The destruction of this fleet, if their object was accurately stated by the officers who escaped from the ships which were run ashore, is one of the most fortunate events that ever occurred for the insurance-offices of America—it was no less than a complete execution of the arrete of Ferrand, except, possibly, the sanguinary part; but it was, at all events, to take or destroy every American vessel in the harbors or on the coast of Hayti.

From the New-York Gazette.

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Messrs. LANG & TURNER,

I observe in your paper of this morning, a paragraph stating that I was on Saturday last arrested by order of the government and examined before the district judge, respecting the destination of the ship Leander, &c.

The paragraph further states that my answers went "*irectly to implicate the government of the United States in the fitting out of the Leander.*"

I think it my duty to state, that in this particular, you have been *misinformed.*

That I was arrested by order judge Tallmagde, in a manner which I understand to be perfectly illegal, forcibly detained the whole day, denied the privilege of counsel, & obliged to answer questions which I conceived improper and illegal, *is most certain:* but in respect to the government I acted with extreme caution—I was not so much pressed on this head as on others.

S. G. OGDEN.

Monday morning, March 3.

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PRICE-CURRENT,

MARSEILLES, Dec. 20.

	Fr's Cent's.	F. C.
Cocoa, Caraccas, per lb.	2 45	
Island, ditto,	1 30	
Codfish, Amer. per quint.	40	
Coffee, Mocha lb.	1 95	
Mart. green very fine,	1 95	
Merchantable,	1 85	
St. Dom. gr. very fine,	1 85	
Merchantable,	1 75	
Bourbon,	1 75	
Cotton, Geo. short st. ql.	160	
Long do.	200	
Flour, Amer. super. bll.	48	
Hides, Buenos-Ayres, q.	85	
Logwood, English, cut, q.	20	
Spanish, do.	25	
Nankeens, India, short, p.	4 75	5
long, p.	8	8 50
Oil, fish, brown, quint.	77	
White,	72	
Whale,	72	
Pepper, black. heavy, lb.	1	
Ordinary,	95	
Rice, Carolina, quint.	20	22
Salmon, per bbl.	70	
Sugar, of the isl. w. c. q.	80	
Brown, do.	58	
Muscov. or raw,	58	
Havana, white,	80	
Brown,	58	
Brazil, 2-3 w. 1-3 b.	65	
East-India, assorted,	62	65
Tobacco, Va. James-river,		
Petersb. black & strong,	50	
Geor. & Car. do.	40	48
Wheat, Amer. charge,	45	

The market is very calm, owing to the expectations of peace, for every thing except fish and oil, which are in demand.

EXPORTS.	F. C.
Brandy, Languedoc, oil proof, per pipe of 120 galls. cask included, with 4 iron hoops on board at Cette,	280
Brandy Provens, oil proof, per pipe, as above, on board at this port,	250
Oil, sweet, superf. such as is usually shipped for America per box of 12 bottles, box included	24
Soap, twice boiled, per quint	64
Wine, red, cargo per cask of 50 to 52 galls. cask included, with two iron hoops	45
Wine, red, bottled, in cases of 30 bottles, case included per bottle	1 5

General observations on imports.

Colonial produce sells, generally, at 2, 3, 4 and 6 months credit.

American produce, at 2, 3 and 4 months. Tobacco, 4 and 6 months.

Fish and whale oil, are in general very saleable articles, because we have in our neighborhood, many tanners or leather-dressers.

Indigos, Cochineal, East-India piece goods, Fustic, Mahogany, Cinnamon, Gums, Frankincense, Elephants teeth, and some other articles, answer pretty well at times, but generally not in large quantities.

Spermaceti oil and American refined sugars will not answer.

Tobacco imported in French bottoms pays 22 francs per decimal quintal (220 lbs. English) less than by foreign bottoms, which enhances the price in entrepot, nearly to this amount in favor of that by French vessels.

It is essentially requisite that each shipment be accompanied by a French consular attestation, of the goods shipped, being neither of British growth nor manufactures.

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The Portuguese Charge des Affaires and consul general near the United States, gives this public notice to the merchants and traders whom it may concern—

That all masters of vessels from the United States to any port in Portugal, or its islands, must have their bills of health and bills of lading, certified by the undersigned, or the respective Portuguese vice-consuls; and if any passengers on board, they must be furnished with a proper passport.

Should the master of any vessel omit to take such certificates with him, he will on his arrival in Portugal, be obliged to undergo such a quarantine as the board of health may deem necessary.

JOSEPH RADEMAKER.

Philadelphia, 5th March, 1806.

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On the 20th inst. the Rev. Dan. Huntingdon, obtained a verdict against the editor of this paper for what *he* claimed to be a libel on his character!—The jury gave ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS damages!!!

[*Hartford Mer.*]

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From the Merchant's Coffee-House Books.

March 5.

Arrived brig American, Houston, 20 days from City of St. Domingo—mahogany, &c. —Wm. Cole. Left there 13th February, ship Harriot, Harding, Philadelphia; Fortune, Liston, do.; sch'r Nancy, Taggart, do.; sch'r Roda, Green, of Boston; brig Mars, of New-York, loading on the coast; ship Stapleton, of Baltimore, do.; brig ——, Bowen, of R. Island, do.; sloop Betsy, Randall, of Baltimore; the sloop George, Croup, of Norfolk, sailed in co. for Baltimore. Lying at the mouth of the river, the ship Rodman, of Boston, from Demarara, bound in; at Samana, ship Phœnix, Warner, of Baltimore, bound to Trinidad, (Cuba), captured by the French privateer Jeuce Estelle, condemned; sch'r Stephen, Perkins, of do. captured by do. and condemned; sch'r Liberty, Randall, of and from New York, bound to Trinidad, (Cuba), cleared by paying costs, the captain at the city of St. Domingo; brig Mary, of Baltimore, condemned; sch'r Eleanor, ——, of Alexandria, do.; sch'r Bellona, Adams, of and from Norfolk, to Jamaica, captured by the French fleet, supercargo at the city waiting trial; the snow——, Lawton, from the coast of Africa, bound to Havana, with 100 prime slaves, captured off Matanzas, waiting trial; sch'r Citizen, Ash, of Philadelphia, captured coming out of Jacmel, bound to Jamaica, supposed to have been recaptured; ship Nymph, Walker, of Baltimore. Passengers in the American, Wm. Warner, late master, and Geo. Erich, owner of the ship Phœnix, of New-York; James Ash, late master of sch'r Citizen, of Philadelphia; and Wm. Poe, late supercargo of sch'r Stephen, of Baltimore.

The ship Nymph, of Baltimore, captain M'Ray, was at Jamaica, when the American left St. Domingo.

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Married by the Rev. Dr. Rattoone, on Friday evening, Mr. *Martin Brydenoder*, to Miss *Susan Myers*, both of this city.

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Departed this life on the 4th inst. in the 50th year of her age, Madame *Maria Sabatier*, a native of Bordeaux. She was amiable in life, resigned in death, and now, we trust, enjoys the fruits of her virtue a blessed immortality. Filial tenderness may here drop the tear of affection. Friendship ardent and sincere may return her keen sensibility, & the tongue of envy must pronounce over her grave, "Here lies the sister of benevolence—the mother of kindness—and the amiable patern of exalted virtue, worth and excellence to her sex."

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☞ *THE Spanish consul having returned to this city, his office will as formerly, be kept at his house, No. 25, S. Howard-street.*

All persons having demands against said office, are desired to call immediately for payment, and all those indebted to it, are requested to settle their accounts.

Spanish consul's office,
Baltimore, 5th March, 1806. d4f

Port of Baltimore.

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ENTERED,

Brig American, Houston, St. Domingo

CLEARED,

Ship Gen. Mercer, Miller, Bremen
Brig Brilliant, Monserrat, Guadaloupe
Sch'r Fair-Lady, Cruthers, Washington, N. C.

BOOK AUCTION.

THIS EVENING,

The 6th inst. at our auction room and commission store, 3, Light street, next door to the coffee-house, will be sold,

A LARGE AND GENERAL ASSORTMENT OF NEW & SECOND HAND BOOKS.

Catalogues may be had and the books viewed any time previous to the time of sale.

SOWER & S. COLE, Auct's.

March 6.

Sale by Auction.

On THURSDAY,

The 13th inst. at half past 11 o'clock, at the vendue warehouse, at the corner of Second & Frederick-streets, will be sold, on terms that will then be made known,

Two Tracts of Land,

LYING in Dublin township, Bedford county, in the state of Pennsylvania; one tract contains four hundred and twenty five acres and 20 perches, and the other four hundred and forty acres, agreeably to patents which may be seen at the vendue office, previous to the sale, the title is perfect, and the lands are said to be very valuable.

THOMAS CHASE, Auct'r.

March 6.

Imperial Tea,

IN QUARTER CHESTS.

For sale by

WILLIAM COLE,
No. 4, South-street.

March 6. d4t

To Let,

PART of the house & cellar of no. 1, Cheapside, well calculated for a grocery store, or a currying shop. Apply to

JOHN CHALMERS & SON.

March 6. eotf

Precincts Market House LOTTERY.

FROM THE MANAGERS' BOOKS.

ELEVENTH DAY'S DRAWING.

One hundred and fifty tickets were drawn this day, of which the following were prizes, viz.

Prize of $ 500 *No* 11,325
Do. of $ 200 *No.* 3,923
Do. of $ 25 *Nos.* 6,965 13,047
Do. of $ 20 *No.* 4,541
Do. of $ 10 *No.* 5,602 9,738 12,803 13,055

The following numbers are prizes of six dollars:

56	2551	5361	7133	9787	11683
104	2083	5763	7838	9361	11445
658	3188	5514	7061	9544	12826
909	3309	6126	7513	9785	12281
1243	3828	6971	7622	10289	12430
1345	3923	6825	7727	10035	12457
1000	4922	6455	7609	10544	12405
1711	4730	6393	8816	11473	13270
1291	5562	6968	8233	11351	13563
					13272

Adjourned till Wednesday next, when the managers contemplate exceeding the number usually drawn.

As soon as some books which are yet at a distance, shall have been returned, the managers will proceed to draw more rapidly—In the mean time, tickets may be had of them—at the office of the Federal Gazette, or of either of the subscribers.

SAMUEL VINCENT, 44, N. Gay-street.
SAMUEL COLE, 3, Light-street.

Who give cash, or tickets warranted undrawn, for prizes in the above lottery.

March 6.

Coffee, Oil & Wine.

80 to 90,000 lbs. St. Domingo Coffee, } *Entitled to Debenture.*
18 casks Dutch Linseed Oil, }
15 pipes Lisbon } WINE.
10 do. Teneriffe }

For sale by

JOHN RANDALL,
95, Bowly's wharf.

March 6 d3t§

For Sale or Rent.

THE HOUSE No 16, South-street, now occupied by Mr. Tilman Anspach—Possession will be given the first day of May next. Application to be made to

HENRY COURTENAY,
No. 30, South Gay-street.

February 6. eo1sM

Notice.

THERE is a number of healthy BOYS and GIRLS, under the age of 10 years, to be bound out as apprentices to mechanics farmers, &c. in the Baltimore county Alms House, under the direction of the levy court, who will meet on the 17th inst. at the said Alms House, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, for that, and other purposes. Any person or persons may see them any time before the said 17th inst. by applying to Mr. James Armitage, overseer, at the Alms House.

WILLIAM GIBSON,
Clerk of the Levy Court of Baltimore County.

March 6. eot18M

50 *Dollars Reward.*

RAN away on the 23d instant, a very bright Mulatto boy, by the name of EMUND ROMMOS, about 16 or 17 years of age, with straight black hair; had on an indifferent suit of country manufactured clothes, and took none with him; supposed to be 5 feet 4 or 6 inches high; spare made, with a cheerful disposition, remarkably spirited and active. He went off in company with a free negro, who is of a middle size, very eloquent and smooth in address, designing, artful and insinuating, calls himself *James Taylor*, sometimes *James Cook*, the latter, from his being skilled in the art of cooking and house service, has lived in Baltimore in the above occupation.

The day before Edmund's elopement, he and James were oystering in company with some oyster boats that started for Baltimore on the morning of his elopement, one belonging to a certain Parks, and the other to a man by the name of Price, from near the Tangears-Island, and it is presumed they are gone to Baltimore by the aforesaid means. The above reward will be given if taken in the state of Maryland, and ten dollars in addition for every state farther if brought home or secured in any jail so that I get him.

RICHARD RODGERS,
Accomack County, Eastern-Shore, Virginia.

March 6. d7t§

100 Dollars Reward.

RAN away last April from the subscriber, living in Somerset county, Eastern Shore of Maryland, likely young negro man, named DANIEL, aged 22 years, 5 feet, 6 or 8 inches high, of a bright yellow complexion, has a scar over his right eye, and a considerable impediment or stammering in his speech at times. Said Daniel has been bred a waiter from his youth, and is a very expert one. From good information, he has been seen lately in Baltimore, and is said to be acting in the character of a waiter at this time, in some house between the town and Point, in the out skirts of the town. The above reward will be given to any person, who shall deliver said negro to the subscriber, in Somerset county, or 50 dollars if secured in any jail, in or out of the state, and notice given, so that the owner gets him. No doubt he has changed his name and is furnished with a pass.

WILLIAM JONES.

March 6. d8t||

Sale by Auction.

On FRIDAY,

The 7th instant, at the new auction room, corner of Market and Shakspeare-streets, Fell's Point, at 10 o'clock, will be sold on 60 days credit, for approved paper,

The remainder of the stock in trade of John M'Gray, sold by virtue of an order from the trustees,

Consisting of a variety of

WEARING APPAREL & DRY GOODS.

And at half past 11 o'clock,

Cogniac and Bordeaux Brandy, Holland and country Gin, Spirits, New-England Rum and Whisky, Tobacco in kegs and Sugar in barrels, with an assortment of Household Furniture.

JOSEPH CLARK, Auct'r.

March 5.

Sale at Auction,

WITHOUT RESERVE.

On THURSDAY,

The 20th instant, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, at the premises, on the old York road, about one mile from Griffith's bridge, directly opposite Dr. Aitken's country seat, will be sold on terms that will then be made known,

A convenient two-story BRICK HOUSE, with waggon yard, stables, sheds and convenient out-houses; a garden with sundry good fruit trees therein; a pump, with a never-failing spring of water before the door. The lot fronts 80 feet on the road, and 125 feet deep.

The above property is considered to be an excellent situation for a Tavern, Dry Goods and Grocery Store, or a Summer Retreat.

And immediately after, a handsome Frame HOUSE and LOT of GROUND, fronting the same road 35 feet, and 152 feet deep.

And immediately after, a handsome LOT of GROUND, fronting 40 feet on the same road, and 120 deep, with the remains of two Houses that were burnt.

The above property must positively be sold, as the present owner is about to leave the city; therefore great bargains may be expected.

JOSEPH CLARK, Auct'r.

March 5.

BALTIMORE

Office of Discount & Deposit,

February 22d, 1806.

39 1-2 *Cents per Guilder,*

Will be given for approved Bills on Amsterdam, at 60 days sight, by

DAVID HARRIS, Cashier.

February 23. d4t

For Sale,

By the Printers hereof,

Fount of BREVIER
1 do. LONG PRIMER
1 do. ENGLISH,

Being the type on which this Gazette was ately printed. Terms will be accommodating.

July 26. d